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SHERMAN RESIDENT TAKES COMMAND OF ILARNG INFANTRY BRIGADE

Col. Mark Alessia of Sherman, Illinois, took command of the Illinois Army National Guard's 33rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, based Urbana, Illinois, during a ceremony at Camp Lincoln, in Springfield, Illinois, Sunday, Sept. 17.

Guard in 1992 as an Infantry Soldier. He most recently served as the State Military Personnel Officer, and previously commanded the 2nd Battalion, 106th Cavalry Squadron, 33rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team.

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AIRMEN HONOR CHIEF OF MAINTENANCE'S LEGACY

52ND ANNUAL ANG SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT COMES TO ILLINOIS

ILNG WALKS 200 MILES IN POLISH PILGRIMAGE

On Aug. 2, 2017 seven Illinois Soldiers and four Illinois Airmen, boarded a plane bound Warsaw, Poland to walk in the Polish Pilgrimage to Czestochowa, Poland.

The Illinois National Guard sends Soldiers and Airmen every year to support the annual celebration in Czestochowa. The celebration commemorates the 1655 Polish victory over Sweden and celebrates Polish Armed Forces Day.

The Illinois National Guard's participation maintains an ongoing military to military relationship and cultural

Latvian, Lithuanian, German, Slovakian and Croatian Soldiers also participated in the 10-day pilgrimage beginning in the heart of Old Town Warsaw on Aug. 4. Jasna Gora Monastery, founded in 1382, has been a pilgrimage destination for hundreds of years. Inside the monastery is a statue of the Virgin Mary known as the Black Madonna of Czestochowa, or Our Lady of
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NEVER FORGOTTEN

For 75 years the Maywood Bataan Day Organization has held a memorial service to honor the Soldiers of the 192nd Tank Battalion and their families.

This year's service featured an award ceremony in addition to the annual wreath laying. The family of Sgt. Norman Spencer was given awards by Maj. Gen. Richard

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GOVERNOR RECOGNIZES 106TH CAVALRY

DIXON BASED SOLDIERS HONORED FOR TOP NATIONAL GUARD FINISH IN INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

Governor Bruce Rauner recognized six Soldiers from the Dixon, Illinois, based Troop B, 2nd Squadron, 106th Cavalry Regiment during the Illinois State Fair in Springfield, Illinois, Aug. 10. The six Soldiers were members of the troop's 2017 Gainey Cup Best Scout Squad Competition team.

The team, which was made up of 1st Lt. Bobby Springer of Chicago; Staff Sgt. Zechariah Johnson of Oregon, Illinois; Sgt. Evan Westart of Oswego, Illinois; Sgt. Mathew Runyon of Broadwell, Illinois; Sgt. Daniel Delinski of Washington, Illinois; and Pvt. 1st Class Michael

Cates of Villa Park, Illinois, placed third overall and first among all National Guard teams in the competition held at Fort Benning, Georgia, in May. The competition, held once every two years, featured top cavalry teams from throughout the United States Army as well as teams from various allied nations.

Rauner said he was proud of the Illinois Soldiers' accomplishments.

Following the meeting the team participated in the annual Twilight parade, where they shook hands and high-fived the crowd along the streets of Springfield.

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NEW RECRUITS

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SOLDIERS SHARE TOP SPOT AT HONOR GUARD COURSE

Spc. Brittany Smith of Marion, Illinois, with the 233rd Military Police Company based in Springfield, Illinois, and Spc. Hunter Levan of Grand Tower, Illinois, with Company A, 2nd Battalion, 130th Infantry Regiment base in West Frankfort, Illinois were named distinguished honor.....

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

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